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Fiscal Note

HF 767 - Injured Veterans Grant Program (LSB 1609 HV.1)

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Fiscal Note Version – As Amended and Passed by the Senate

Description

House File 767, as Amended and Passed by the Senate, provides that a non-resident of Iowa who meets certain conditions can be considered a Veteran, and be eligible for the Injured Veterans Grant Program. If the individual is or was a member of a National Guard Unit located in Iowa and served on active duty after September 11, 2001; was injured while serving in that National Guard Unit; and is not eligible for a similar grant in another state, they are considered a Veteran for purposes of eligibility under the Program.

Background

- Senate File 95 (FY 2007 Veterans Programs Supplemental Appropriations Act) appropriated \$2.0 million in FY 2007 in addition to the \$1.0 million appropriated for FY 2007 in HF 2080 (FY 2006 Veterans Programs Appropriations Act) for the Injured Veterans Grant Program. As of December 1, 2006, there was \$57,500 remaining of the original appropriation. An eligible veteran injured and evacuated from a combat zone is eligible to receive up to \$10,000 depending upon hospitalization, medical care, or rehabilitation services requirements.
- Currently, there are 18 non-resident veterans that served in the Iowa National Guard that have been injured since September 11, 2001. (There are seven from Illinois, two from Nebraska, two from Minnesota, one from Missouri, one from Alabama, and five unknown).
- There are currently 577 National Guard members with out-of-State addresses.

Assumptions

- Assumes that all non-resident veterans who have been injured to date, would be eligible for the full \$10,000 bonus.
- Grants will be paid in increments of \$2,500, up to a maximum of \$10,000, upon proof that the veteran has been evacuated from the operational theater in which the veteran was injured to a military hospital for an injury received in the line of duty and will continue to be paid, at 30-day intervals, up to the maximum amount, so long as the veteran is hospitalized or receiving medical care or rehabilitation services authorized by the military.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of HF 767, as Amended and Passed by the Senate, allowing out-of-State residents to qualify for the Injured Veterans Grant Program would be an estimated additional \$180,000.

Sources

Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs
Iowa National Guard

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